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Sir:

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The Notification requires applicants to submit a Sequence Listing, but does not identify any nucleotide and/or amino acid for which a Sequence Listing is required. Applicants have reviewed the application and believe there is no disclosure in the application for which a Sequence Listing is required. Accordingly, applicants request that the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office withdraw the Notification and the requirement for a Sequence Listing.

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